

SENATE BILL 2494

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-34-105, relative to family planning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-34-105, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The department is authorized to receive and disburse such funds as may be available to it for family planning programs in accordance with this section.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, any funds that become available to the department for family planning programs must be awarded:

(1) To eligible entities in the following order of descending priority:

(A) Public entities that provide family planning services, including state, county, and local community health clinics and federally qualified health centers;

(B) Nonpublic entities that provide comprehensive primary and preventative care services in addition to family planning services; and

(C) Nonpublic entities that provide family planning services but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventative care services; or

(2) As otherwise directed by the legislature in an appropriations act.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the department shall ensure, in compliance with federal law, distribution of funds for family planning services in a manner that does not severely limit or eliminate access to those services in any region of the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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